

Remarks/Arguments

Drawing Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to certain drawings including Figs. 1, 2a, 2b, 3b, 3c, and 6 for improper labeling of various items. Accordingly, replacement sheets including Figs. 1, 2a, 2b, 3b, 3c, and 6 are attached at the end of this paper.

Specification Objections

The disclosure was objected to for certain informalities relating to various paragraphs. Accordingly, those paragraphs have been replaced with amended replacement paragraphs.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-33, 35, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirements. However, this rejection is moot because claims 1-33, 35, and 36 have been cancelled.

The Examiner further rejected claims 1-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicants regard as the invention. Again, this rejection is moot because claims 1-33 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner for his allowance of claims 34, 37, and 38.

Conclusion

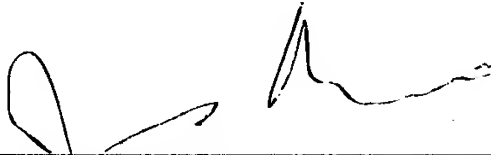
In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 34, 37 and 38 are in a condition for allowance. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 796-2099.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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Amendments to Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings are the replacement sheets of drawings including Figs. 1-3c and Fig. 6 (submitted on 5 pages) to replace originally filed drawings including Figs. 1-3c and Fig. 6 (submitted on 5 pages), and which are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84.